

Mr. HARKIN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT  
AGREEMENT—H.R. 4762

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate receives from the House the campaign disclosure bill, it be immediately placed on the calendar. I further ask unanimous consent that it become the pending business after the final vote this evening—just concluded—and that it be considered under the following agreement: 30 minutes for total debate on the bill to be equally divided in the usual form; that no amendments be in order; that following the disposition of the time, the bill be automatically advanced to third reading and passage occur, all without any intervening action or debate, with the vote occurring on passage at 9:40 a.m. on Thursday, with 7 minutes for closing remarks prior to the vote, with 5 of those minutes under the control of Senator McCain. Finally, I ask unanimous consent that following the passage of the bill, the action on the McCain amendment No. 3214 be vitiated and the amendment then be withdrawn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. WARNER. Reserving the right to object, and I do not intend to object, I first say to my distinguished colleague and friend of almost a quarter of a century, JOHN MCCAIN, I judge this action will enable the defense bill then to no longer have this amendment, and at what point will that occur?

Mr. COVERDELL. That needs to be addressed to the Parliamentarian.

Mr. MCCAIN. Immediately following the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment will be withdrawn following passage of the bill tomorrow.

Mr. WARNER. I want to make certain I hear. The Chair and the distinguished Senator from Arizona were speaking at the same time. Can it be repeated?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Following final passage of the bill tomorrow, the amendment will be withdrawn.

Mr. WARNER. And that bill being?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. H.R. 4762.

Mr. WARNER. That clarifies it. I thank the leadership on both sides of the aisle.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. WARNER. If I might just continue, I have consulted with the majority leader, and it is hoped at a subsequent time we can clarify when the Department of Defense bill can be

brought up because I know the distinguished Democratic whip, who has helped tremendously on this bill, as have others, is anxious to see this Defense authorization bill move forward; am I not correct, I say to Senator REID?

Mr. REID. I say to my friend from Virginia, I have spoken with the co-manager of the bill, Senator LEVIN, and we are anxious to get to this bill. We have a defined number of amendments. We have spoken to proponents of the amendments. I think it is something we can dispose of within a few hours.

Mr. WARNER. Good. That is interesting. I see my distinguished ranking member.

Mr. REID. I did not see Senator LEVIN. I am very sorry.

Mr. LEVIN. If the Senator will yield, I agree with our whip. It is our intention to, No. 1, limit amendments to relevant amendments, if we can, and, No. 2, begin to work through those amendments and eliminate as many as possible that do not need to be offered, modifying some, agreeing to some, and, if necessary, obviously voting on some. We will be working very hard with our good friend, the chairman of our committee, to proceed through the bill as soon as it is before the Senate, and the moment it is, we think we can make some real progress.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I thank my distinguished colleagues. I hope germaneness will prevail as to the amendments that come up on this bill.

Mr. MCCAIN. I ask for the regular order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The regular order has been requested. Is there objection?

Mr. WARNER. There is no objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
AND EDUCATION AND RELATED  
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS,  
2001—Continued

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the pending motion to waive be laid aside and Senator FRIST be recognized to offer his amendment regarding education and that no second-degree amendments be in order prior to the vote in relation to the amendment. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate turn to the Frist amendment immediately following the debate on H.R. 4762, and the vote occur in a stacked sequence beginning at 9:40 a.m. under the same terms as outlined for H.R. 4762.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. HARKIN. Reserving the right to object, we have not seen a copy of the Frist amendment yet. I want to have it described or see a copy so we know to what we are agreeing. I do not think that is an unreasonable request.

Mr. COVERDELL. I am sorry, I thought the conference on this side was over the Frist amendment.

Mr. HARKIN. I heard conflicting things about it, and I want to see how it is written.

Mr. COVERDELL. Do we have a copy at the desk?

Mr. HARKIN. Just let us see it. I have no objection.

Mr. COVERDELL. I propound the unanimous consent I just read.

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object, Mr. President, I ask the unanimous consent request be amended so that after the disposition of the Frist amendment, Senator DASCHLE be allowed to offer an amendment; following the disposition of that, the Republicans will offer an amendment; and following that, Senator DORGAN will offer an amendment.

Mr. COVERDELL. I amend it so that the Republican amendment will be the Ashcroft amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. HARKIN. Inquiry: We are asking unanimous consent that following the Frist amendment, Senator DASCHLE be recognized for an amendment, Senator ASHCROFT be recognized for an amendment, and then Senator DORGAN be recognized for an amendment?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Following disposition of the Frist amendment.

Mr. HARKIN. Yes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986  
AMENDMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4762) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require 527 organizations to disclose their political activities.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I am extremely pleased we have reached an agreement to consider and almost certainly pass H.R. 4762, which passed the House last night by an overwhelming vote of 385-39. Tomorrow will be a historic day. For the first time since 1979, the Congress is going to pass a campaign finance reform bill. The bill we are going to pass is by no means a solution to all the problems of our campaign finance system, but it is a start—and an important start—because it will close the loophole that was opened at the intersection of the tax laws and election laws that allows unlimited amounts of completely secret contributions to flow into our campaign finance system and influence our elections.